

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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October 20, 2017

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**Fairview Cemetery Office reopens after three years:** The Fairview Cemetery Office reopened on October 13, 2017 after extensive renovations.

In 2014 the office was closed when it was discovered that the nearly 100-year old building had suffered considerable water damage over the years. Today, the cemetery office is a modern space complete with all new mechanical and electrical equipment, energy efficient interior and exterior lighting, water-saving plumbing fixtures, a new ADA-compliant restroom, and new architectural style shingles that mimic the look of slate shingles commonly found in 1920's. The entryway was restored with a new retaining wall, fencing, vintage era lighting, landscaping and a handicap accessible entrance. The building's stone exterior was cleaned to remove a century of contaminants.

Fairview Cemetery Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-3:00 PM. The office maintains records of its nearly 20,000 past residents of West Hartford.

**Curbside Textile Recycling:** Soon pink bags will arrive in the mail from SimpleRecycling and residents can fill those bags with all types of clothing, coats, shoes and other textiles including backpacks, purses, hats, blankets, drapes/curtains, pillows, and even sleeping bags.

Beginning the week of Oct. 30th, SimpleRecycling will pick up the bags on your trash collection day. For more information and additional bags, go to [SimpleRecycling](#).

**Absentee Ballots now available:** Absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office for the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election. If you will be out of town or not able to make it to the polls on Election Day due to illness, disability, military service, election duties or religious reasons, you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

**The I-84/Park Rd project has begun:** Crews have begun to remove trees between the on/off ramps in preparation of the reconfiguration of

the Park Road and the I-84 interchange area. The project will improve capacity, efficiency, and safety. There will be minimal traffic disruption at this stage.

In the spring/summer 2018, the contractor will begin work in the roadway, at which time the traffic impact will be much more significant. Information about the project can be found at [www.WestHartfordCT.gov/ParkRd](http://www.WestHartfordCT.gov/ParkRd). The website includes project overview, construction updates, a live photo cam, traffic advisories, and frequently asked questions.

**Fall Leaf Bag Collection begins October 23:** The annual Fall Leaf Bag Collection will run ten weeks, October 23 to December 29, 2017. Each week crews will collect leaves in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags placed at the curb on the trash collection day. Click here for [guidelines and more information](#).

**National Take-Back Day:** On Saturday, October 28, 2017, the West Hartford Police Department, the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration will coordinate a collaborative effort to remove unwanted and unused pharmaceutical-controlled substances and other medicine during National Take-Back Day. Collection activities will take place at the Department of Public Works, 17 Brixton Street from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The program is anonymous and free of charge.

**Annual Halloween Stroll:** Costumed children of all ages are invited for a fun morning in West Hartford Center for the Annual Halloween Stroll on Saturday, October 28, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.

**Happy Retirement to Richard Winn:** Assistant Fire Chief Richard T. Winn will retire from the Fire Department after 33 years of service. A farewell open house will be held on Monday, October 30, 9:00-11:00 AM, Room 400. Congratulations and best wishes!

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Town Manager